

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY1930 9th STREET

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TO: American College of Emergency Physicians, California Chapter
American College of Surgeons, California Chapter
California Ambulance Association
California Association of Health Maintenance Organizations
California Council of EMS Educators
California Fire Chiefs Association
California Healthcare Association
California Medical Association
California Nurses Association
California Paramedic Program Directors
California Peace Officers Association
California Professional Firefighters
California Rescue Paramedic Association
California State Firefighters Association
Commission on Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Technician-I Task Force
Emergency Nurses Association
Local EMS Administrators
Local EMS Medical Directors
Paramedic Task Force
Service Employees International Union, Local 250
Vision Education and Personnel Committee
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Richard E. Watson
Interim Director

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**SUBJECT: 90 DAY PRE-PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED REVISION
OF EMT-II REGULATIONS**

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify EMS Authority constituents of proposed revisions to the emergency medical technician (EMT) -II regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3), which will be available for a 90-day pre-public comment period. These regulations specify the training, medical control, scope of practice, certification requirements and operational requirements for EMT-IIs in California.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONTACT

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed revisions to the EMT-II regulations. The 90-day written comment period is provided from February 19, 2002 through May 20, 2002. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2002; comments received after this date will not be accepted. Written comments will be accepted via mail, e-mail, or fax. For information or questions on the substance of the proposed revisions please contact:

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The EMS Authority first established the concept of revising the EMT-II regulations with a modular approach, which allows an EMS system to tailor a limited advanced life support scope of practice to fit the needs of their EMS system without relying on the EMT-I trial study provisions to expand the scope of practice of EMT-Is. Another benefit to the modular approach is to establish a practitioner with a scope of practice that meets the needs of those rural areas that rely on volunteer responders who are on scene for extended periods of time waiting for an advanced life support unit to arrive.

The draft EMT-II regulations consist of four modules, beginning with the EMT-II Basic Module. Additional modules can be added, if the local EMS system feels that they are necessary, and include an intravenous module, an altered level of consciousness module, a cardiac module, and a controlled substances module.

AVAILABILITY OF TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations are available at the EMS Authority's website, www.emsa.ca.gov under Statutes, Regulations and Legislation or at the office of the EMS Authority listed above. Copies may be obtained by contacting Sean Trask at the address or phone number listed above.